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SUBJ: CHAD CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR OF CULTURAL REVOLUTION

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1. FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF CHADIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND MOUVEMENT NATIONAL DE LA REVOLUTION CULTURELLE ET SOCIALE (MNRCS) WAS CELEBRATED NATIONWIDE AUGUST 27. AT NDJAMENA PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE DELIVERED KEYNOTE ADDRESS WHICH EMPHASIZED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION. TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC GOALS HE SAID COTTON PRODUCTION WOULD BE INCREASED DURING COMING YEAR BY 750,000 TONS OVER UNOFFICIAL 1973/74 PRODUCTION OF 116,000 TONS. HE CALLED FOR PARALLEL STRATEGY DEVOTED TO INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION, BUT NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN. DROUGHT MENTIONED ONCE IN CONTEXT THAT IT WOULD BE ONLY MEMORY BY NEXT YEAR.

2. TOMBALBAYE ADMITTED CHADIAN ECONOMY HAS REGRESSED AND CALLED FOR FINANCING OF ECONOMIC GROWTH "CRUSADE" FROM VOLUNTARY AND FORCED MONETARY SAVINGS AND FROM NONMONITARY SAVINGS. HE
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ALSO PROMISED FISCAL REFORM WHICH WOULD CORRESPOND TO HUMANISM

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OF CHADIAN SOCIALISM.

3. CHADIAN PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THAT MNRCS AND CHADIAN PEOPLE ARE ONE, THAT OLD PETTY QUARRELS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY NEW SPIRIT OF CIVIC COOPERATION. HE STRESSED NEED FOR PEACE AND APPEALED DIRECTLY FOR SUPPORT OF POPULATION IN GUERA PREFECTURE WHICH HAS BEEN LONG-STANDING FOCAL POINT OF REBEL ACTIVITY. AS CONCILIATION GESTURE, PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD ALREADY ORDERED REMOVAL OF SEVEN GUERA CANTONAL CHIEFSFROM OFFICE. HE ASKED LOCAL PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR SUCCESSORS. PRESIDENT ALSO SAID MNRCS HAS INSTITUTED DIALOGUE WITH CHADIAN YOUTH AND STUDENTS, BUT WARNED AGAINST THOSE STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ACT RESPONSIBILY. IN A SEPARATE ACT GOC RELEASED 106 PRISONERS AROUND COUNTRY TO MARK ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

4. COMMENT: SELF-RELIANCE WAS THEME THROUGHOUT PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, BUT COTTON PRODUCTION GOALS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY BEYOND CAPACITY OF CHADIAN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. PRESIDENT MADE NO MENTION OF FOREIGN AID AND STATED MNRCS HAS MORE CONFIDENCE IN CHADIAN AGRICULTURE TECHNICIANS AND FARMERS THAN IN FOREIGN TECHNICIANS. PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, DID NOT ATTACK FOREIGNERS OR GO INTO ANY TIRADES AGAINST NEO-COLONIAL. AND FORMER FRENCH SECSTATE FOCCART AS HE HAD DONE DURING FOUNDING OF MNRCS LAST YEAR (SEE FORT LAMY 1408).
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